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Representative Scott Wiggam 77 S. High St., 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Rep. Wiggam:

Thank you for the introduction of H.B. 115.

The Arc of Ohio is our state's oldest and largest volunteer lead organization representing individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. We represent over 300,000 Ohioans and their families who require ongoing support and consideration.

H.B. 115 will assist those families of children and adults with special needs as they interact with our law enforcement agencies. We applied the bill's voluntary participation aspect and appreciate your sincere concern for our loved ones.

Please count on us as a supporter of this legislation and please call when you know of any public hearings. We would be honored to support this bill through public testimony.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Tonks

Chief Executive Officer

For people with intellectual and developmental disabilities